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REVIEW OF LOCATION OF EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing headquarters of some Export Promotion Councils are very distant from their source of exports;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to review the existing organizational and locational structure of such Councils; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) (b) & (c) : Location of the headquarters of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) depends upon the production base of their products alongwith availability of export facilities, manpower and other conveniences. The headquarters of the EPCs are identified and approved by the concerned industries themselves and these are generally located at places which are the main centres for exports of commodities and products under their charge. EPCs are autonomous organisations set up by the concerned industry and they regulate their own affairs. The Governmenthas no proposal in hand to review the existing locational structure of the EPCs in view of the working autonomy given to them.